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Robert Steele
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, Silver Dream Mine,
S/027/084, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

Thank you for responding to our October 27, 1999 letter, regarding the incomplete notice we received on October 12, 1999 for your Silver Dream small mining project, located in Section 8, T21S, R16W, SLBM, Millard County, Utah. With the information and maps you provided, the small mining notice can now be considered complete. You may commence your operations as outlined in your notice **only after you have received written acceptance and authorization from the BLM to do so.** We cannot authorize you to commence mining operations before you obtain a legal right-of-entry clearance from the land managing agency.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Before commencing your project, please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
cc: Ron Teseneer, BLM, Fillmore FO
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